

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2007

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 15, 2006, there were 504,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2007, a decrease of 100 from August 2007 but 5,300 more than the number employed in September 2006.

Agricultural employment was 46,000 persons in September 2007, down 900 from August 2007 and 4,800 less than the September 2006 agricultural employment level of 50,800. Non-agricultural employment was 458,400 persons in September 2007. This is an increase of 800 from the August 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 457,600 and 10,100 more than September 2006.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2007 was 3.4 percent. This is a decrease of 2.1 percentage points from the August 2007 rate of 5.5 percent and 0.5 percentage points lower than the September 2006 level of 3.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 12,000 to 522,100 persons in September 2007 from 534,100 persons in August 2007. This is 2,700 more than the September 2006 labour force of 519,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.7 percentage points to 69.3 percent in September 2007 from 71.0 percent in August 2007. The September 2006 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 17,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2007. This is a decrease of 11,900 from August 2007 and is 2,700 less than the number unemployed in September 2006.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 502,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2007, up 7,000 from the August 2007 level of 495,500 and is also up 4,800 from the September 2006 employment level of 497,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2007 was 3.8 percent. This is a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the August 2007 rate of 4.9 percent and 0.4 percentage points lower than the September 2006 rate of 4.2 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 208,300 persons in September 2007 to 16,965,200 persons from 17,173,500 persons in August 2007. In September 2006, there were 16,565,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.9 percentage points to 5.5 percent from the August 2007 level of 6.4 percent. In September 2006, Canada's unemployment rate 5.9 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 5.9 percent in September 2007. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than August 2007 and 0.5 percentage points lower than the September 2006 level of 6.4 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

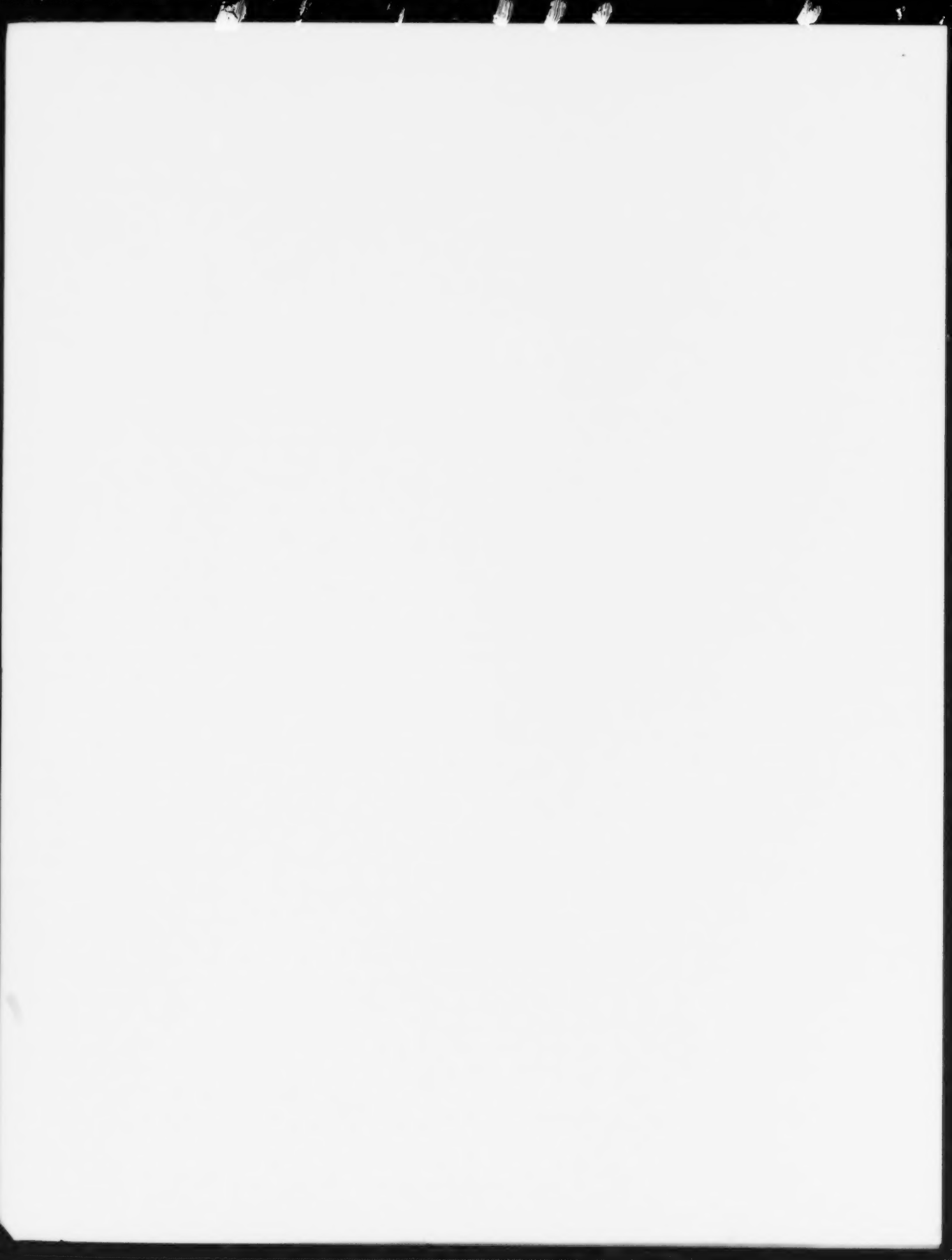


TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September <u>2007</u>	August <u>2007</u>	September <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	17,945.3	18,342.9	17,610.4	-397.6	334.9
Employed ('000)	16,965.2	17,173.5	16,565.9	-208.3	399.3
Full-Time ('000)	13,968.0	14,523.1	13,659.0	-555.1	309.0
Part-Time ('000)	2,997.2	2,650.4	2,906.8	346.8	90.4
Unemployed ('000)	980.1	1,169.3	1,044.5	-189.2	-64.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	6.4	5.9	-0.9	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	6.0	6.4	-0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	69.0	67.0	-1.6	0.4
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	522.1	534.1	519.4	-12.0	2.7
Employed ('000)	504.4	504.5	499.1	-0.1	5.3
Full-Time ('000)	415.0	430.5	409.9	-15.5	5.1
Part-Time ('000)	89.4	74.0	89.1	15.4	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	17.7	29.6	20.4	-11.9	-2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	5.5	3.9	-2.1	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	4.9	4.2	-1.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	71.0	69.6	-1.7	-0.3
<b>ALBERTA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,041.6	2,076.6	1,948.7	-35.0	92.9
Employed ('000)	1,974.0	1,995.0	1,886.2	-21.0	87.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,664.7	1,734.8	1,594.7	-70.1	70.0
Part-Time ('000)	309.3	260.2	291.5	49.1	17.8
Unemployed ('000)	67.6	81.6	62.5	-14.0	5.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.9	3.2	-0.6	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.6	3.5	3.5	0.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	74.0	75.4	73.2	-1.4	0.8
<b>MANITOBA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	623.5	634.6	615.1	-11.1	8.4
Employed ('000)	599.4	603.3	590.1	-3.9	9.3
Full-Time ('000)	492.2	505.4	475.5	-13.2	16.7
Part-Time ('000)	107.2	98.0	114.6	9.2	-7.4
Unemployed ('000)	24.1	31.3	25.0	-7.2	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	4.9	4.1	-1.0	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	70.5	68.9	-1.3	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September <u>2007</u>	August <u>2007</u>	September <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	522.1	534.1	519.4	-12.0	2.7
Male	282.2	289.2	277.7	-7.0	4.5
Female	240.0	244.9	241.7	-4.9	-1.7
15-24 Years of Age	93.5	107.7	98.6	-14.2	-5.1
25+ Years of age	428.6	426.4	420.9	2.2	7.7
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	504.4	504.5	499.1	-0.1	5.3
Male	273.2	277.5	267.4	-4.3	5.8
Female	231.2	227.1	231.7	4.1	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	87.2	100.0	89.9	-12.8	-2.7
25+ Years of age	417.2	404.5	409.2	12.7	8.0
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	17.7	29.6	20.4	-11.9	-2.7
Male	9.0	11.8	10.4	-2.8	-1.4
Female	8.7	17.8	10.0	-9.1	-1.3
15-24 Years of Age	6.3	7.7	8.7	-1.4	-2.4
25+ Years of age	11.4	21.9	11.7	-10.5	-0.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	3.4	5.5	3.9	-2.1	-0.5
Male	3.2	4.1	3.7	-0.9	-0.5
Female	3.6	7.3	4.1	-3.7	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	6.7	7.1	8.8	-0.4	-2.1
25+ Years of age	2.7	5.1	2.8	-2.4	-0.1
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.3	71.0	69.6	-1.7	-0.3
	75.9	77.9	75.5	-2.0	0.4
Female	62.9	64.3	63.9	-1.4	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	67.8	78.2	71.7	-10.4	-3.9
25+ Years of age	69.6	69.4	69.2	0.2	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	September <u>2007</u>	August <u>2007</u>	September <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	46.0	46.9	50.8	-0.9	-4.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.0	21.5	22.6	-0.5	-1.6
Utilities	4.4	4.5	4.3	-0.1	0.1
Construction	36.9	37.4	31.2	-0.5	5.7
Manufacturing	30.5	34.2	29.0	-3.7	1.5
Trade	80.0	81.5	77.7	-1.5	2.3
Transportation and Warehousing	24.8	24.4	26.0	0.4	-1.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.7	27.3	24.7	0.4	3.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.6	20.0	19.8	1.6	1.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.5	12.8	12.1	-1.3	-0.6
Educational Services	39.2	30.3	39.3	8.9	-0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	59.5	60.8	58.8	-1.3	0.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.9	22.2	21.1	-1.3	-0.2
Accommodation and Food Services	31.3	29.3	31.7	2.0	-0.4
Other Services	21.7	21.8	22.6	-0.1	-0.9
Public Administration	27.6	29.4	27.4	-1.8	0.2
Total	504.4	504.5	499.1	-0.1	5.3
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	415.0	430.5	409.9	-15.5	5.1
Part-Time	89.4	74.0	89.1	15.4	0.3
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	413.2	412.3	402.6	0.9	10.6
Public Sector	122.4	118.1	122.2	4.3	0.2
Private Sector	290.8	294.2	280.4	-3.4	10.4
Self-Employed	91.2	92.2	96.5	-1.0	-5.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September <u>2007</u>	August <u>2007</u>	September <u>2006</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,965.2	17,173.5	16,565.9	-208.3	399.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.4	230.9	225.3	-6.5	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	71.8	75.1	71.2	-3.3	0.6
Nova Scotia	448.1	456.6	443.4	-8.5	4.7
New Brunswick	369.5	378.8	357.1	-9.3	12.4
Quebec	3,897.5	3,938.8	3,809.8	-41.3	87.7
Ontario	6,603.6	6,699.2	6,472.7	-95.6	130.9
Manitoba	599.4	603.3	590.1	-3.9	9.3
Saskatchewan	504.4	504.5	499.1	-0.1	5.3
Alberta	1,974.0	1,995.0	1,886.2	-21.0	87.8
British Columbia	2,272.4	2,291.3	2,211.0	-18.9	61.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.5	6.4	5.9	-0.9	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.4	12.8	11.8	-1.4	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Nova Scotia	7.3	8.4	7.1	-1.1	0.2
New Brunswick	7.2	7.9	7.3	-0.7	-0.1
Quebec	6.4	7.0	7.3	-0.6	-0.9
Ontario	5.9	7.0	6.3	-1.1	-0.4
Manitoba	3.9	4.9	4.1	-1.0	-0.2
Saskatchewan	3.4	5.5	3.9	-2.1	-0.5
Alberta	3.3	3.9	3.2	-0.6	0.1
British Columbia	4.0	4.5	4.4	-0.5	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>Jul-Sept</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Jun-Aug</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Jul-Sept</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.4	6.6	7.7	-0.2	-1.3
Halifax	6.2	6.2	5.3	0.0	0.9
Saint John	5.5	5.2	6.8	0.3	-1.3
Quebec	4.4	4.2	4.9	0.2	-0.5
Montreal	7.1	6.9	8.1	0.2	-1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	5.7	5.7	0.0	0.0
Greater Sudbury	6.4	6.3	7.9	0.1	-1.5
Toronto	7.5	7.7	7.3	-0.2	0.2
Winnipeg	4.6	4.4	5.0	0.2	-0.4
Regina	6.2	6.2	5.2	0.0	1.0
Saskatoon	4.2	4.8	4.3	-0.6	-0.1
Calgary	3.2	3.2	3.6	0.0	-0.4
Edmonton	4.2	4.1	4.3	0.1	-0.1
Vancouver	4.2	4.2	4.7	0.0	-0.5
Victoria	4.3	4.1	4.1	0.2	0.2
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	147.5	147.5	150.8	0.0	-3.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.4	54.7	55.2	-0.3	-0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	167.6	167.8	159.3	-0.2	8.3
Yorkton-Melville	42.4	42.5	40.9	-0.1	1.5
Prince Albert & Northern	93.9	95.1	95.6	-1.2	-1.7

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)



TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY  
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jul-Sept 2007	Jun-Aug 2007	Jul-Sept 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	529.5	532.0	525.6	-2.5	3.9
Employed ('000)	505.0	506.4	500.1	-1.4	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	24.6	25.6	25.5	-1.0	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.8	4.9	-0.2	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.8	70.5	-0.4	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.4	67.0	-0.3	0.1
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	491.3	492.9	487.9	-1.6	3.4
Employed ('000)	472.0	473.0	467.6	-1.0	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	19.3	19.9	20.3	-0.6	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	4.0	4.2	-0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.3	71.0	-0.3	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	68.2	68.4	68.0	-0.2	0.2
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	38.2	39.2	37.7	-1.0	0.5
Employed ('000)	33.0	33.4	32.5	-0.4	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	5.3	5.7	5.2	-0.4	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.7	14.6	13.9	-0.9	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	63.7	65.4	64.2	-1.7	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.0	55.8	55.3	-0.8	-0.3
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	16.1	16.6	15.1	-0.5	1.0
Employed ('000)	13.2	13.4	11.6	-0.2	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	3.1	3.5	-0.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.7	18.9	22.9	-1.2	-5.2
Participation Rate (%)	59.1	61.0	56.5	-1.9	2.6
Employment Rate (%)	48.6	49.5	43.5	-0.9	5.1
<b><u>MÉTIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.1	22.5	22.6	-0.4	-0.5
Employed ('000)	19.7	20.0	20.9	-0.3	-1.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.6	1.8	-0.2	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.9	11.5	7.8	-0.6	3.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	69.0	70.6	-1.4	-3.0
Employment Rate (%)	60.2	61.1	65.1	-0.9	-4.9

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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